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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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**Title:** APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DOPING

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded in the parent application on November 21, 1997 at Reel 8825, Frame 0970.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/235,143, filed January 21, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert - This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/235,143, filed January 21, 1999, (pending). -

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority applications serial number 8-146634, filed May 15, 1996, and serial number 8-281874, filed October 3, 1996, both in Japan.

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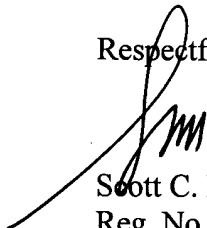
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